

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Bob Lake, on March 25, 2009 at 5:00 P.M.,  
in Room 137 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Mike Miller (R)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)  
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Art Noonan (D)  
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch  
Jennifer O'Loughlin, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 658, 3/25/2009; HB 663,  
3/25/2009; HB 666, 3/25/2009;  
HB 673, 3/25/2009

Executive Action: None

**Continued Discussion on Reappraisal Bills**

00:00:12 Chairman Lake explained the mechanics of getting  
whatever reappraisal-mitigation bill is chosen through  
the legislative process.

00:02:47 Rep. Barrett  
00:03:47 Mr. Martin  
00:04:30 Rep. Jopek  
00:04:50 Mr. Martin  
00:05:02 Chairman Lake  
00:05:12 Mr. Martin  
00:05:34 Rep. Jopek  
00:06:03 Chairman Lake  
00:06:55 Rep. Hoven  
00:07:24 Chairman Lake  
00:07:44 Rep. Barrett

**EXHIBIT (tah66b01)**

00:15:00 Rep. Wiseman  
00:15:17 Rep. Jopek  
00:16:00 Rep. Barrett  
00:17:28 Rep. Wiseman  
00:17:37 Rep. Stahl  
00:19:32 Rep. Miller  
00:20:08 Rep. Barrett  
00:20:45 Rep. Miller  
00:21:11 Chairman Lake  
00:21:27 Rep. Wiseman  
00:21:51 Rep. Barrett  
00:23:16 Rep. Hoven  
00:24:17 Chairman Lake  
00:24:27 Rep. Wiseman  
00:24:56 Chairman Lake

00:25:48 Rep. Cohenour urged the committee to focus on HB 658 as  
the vehicle for reappraisal mitigation.  
00:26:26 Chairman Lake  
00:26:30 Rep. Jopek  
00:26:56 Rep. Stahl  
00:28:08 Rep. Hoven  
00:28:33 Rep. Barrett

00:29:26 Chairman Lake  
00:30:00 Rep. Taylor  
00:30:34 Mr. Martin  
00:30:56 Rep. Sonju  
00:31:11 Chairman Lake  
00:31:16 Rep. Sonju  
00:32:49 Rep. Stahl  
00:33:18 Rep. Sonju  
00:33:23 Rep. Cohenour  
00:33:57 Rep. Sonju

00:34:29 Chairman Lake noted that the committee action would not constitute official executive action.  
00:34:47 Rep. Cohenour  
00:35:06 Chairman Lake  
00:35:14 Rep. Stahl  
00:35:31 Chairman Lake asked for an informal voice vote on Rep. Cohenour's suggestion. The majority of committee members voted to limit reappraisal discussion to HB 658.  
00:36:55 Chairman Lake told committee members to bring suggested amendments to the March 26 meeting.  
00:37:27 Rep. Jopek  
00:38:15 Chairman Lake  
00:38:39 Rep. Cohenour  
00:39:23 Chairman Lake  
00:39:32 Rep. Cohenour  
00:39:49 Rep. Sonju  
00:39:54 Rep. Miller  
00:40:22 Chairman Lake  
00:40:28 Rep. Stahl  
00:40:40 Rep. Taylor  
00:41:11 Rep. Cohenour  
00:41:43 Chairman Lake  
00:41:47 Rep. Miller  
00:41:55 Chairman Lake  
00:42:47 Rep. Stahl  
00:42:53 Rep. Cohenour  
00:43:35 Chairman Lake  
00:44:34 Rep. Stahl  
00:44:54 Chairman Lake  
00:45:39 Jim Standaert, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Branch

**EXHIBIT (tah66b02)**  
00:48:21 Rep. Cohenour  
00:48:51 Randy Wilke, Administrator, Property Assessment Division, DOR  
00:52:16 Chairman Lake

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:52:47 Adjournment: 6:55 P.M.

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Jennifer O'Loughlin, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([tah66bad.pdf](#))**